

California

Executive Order S-20-04 requires California state agencies to commit to aggressive action to reduce state building grid-based energy usage 20% by 2015. This Executive Order directs state agencies to measure their energy use, analyze their building envelopes and mechanical systems, and implement cost-effective improvements. In partnership with the US EPA, the State of California supports the ENERGY STAR Challenge by:

- Leveraging efforts from California's Green Action Team, the Cabinet-level task force Governor Schwarzenegger created to direct and oversee the implementation of the Green Building Executive Order,
- Undertaking a bold program to improve the energy and environmental performance of all State buildings, by implementing new technologies and approaches to the design, construction and operation of state facilities,
- Working with independent agencies such as the California Public Utilities Commission, California Energy Commission, California State University System, University of California System, California Community Colleges System, K-12 school districts, and the legislative and judicial branches of government, to promote benchmarking, commissioning and retrofitting public and commercial buildings in a collaborative effort,
- Implementing standards created by the U.S. Green Building Council for the design and construction of new buildings and also using ENERGY STAR tools for new building design, commodity procurement and energy benchmarking, and
- Joining the US EPA in recognizing California organizations that achieve significant energy efficiency improvements.

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